

U.S. Embassy Bahrain

Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens – November 28, 2012

Due to recent events in Bahrain, we would like to advise U.S. citizens to be aware of the following:

On November 27th 2012, an explosive device detonated in a trash container in the vicinity of the Indian Embassy in Adliya. No injuries were reported and the Ministry of Interior is investigating the incident.

These devices typically resemble thin metal tubes with metal caps (see Exh. A). As a reminder, even though these devices have recently been located in the areas of Gudaibiya, Adliya, and Hoor, every individual should exercise caution when traveling throughout the country. Seek to know your environment, including what is and is not normal in your areas of travel. For instance, when you approach your vehicle, do a walk-around inspection searching for items placed on top, under it, or near the tires. Look for unusual scratches or smudges possibly indicating someone attempted to open the doors, hood or trunk. If you notice anything unusual or encounter any suspicious package, item, or device, DO NOT touch it. Note the location, move away from the area, and then contact the police by dialing 999. If possible, describe the device, but do not linger in the area in an attempt to identify it. The concern must first be for the safety of yourself and those around you. The individuals planting the devices have been known to place other devices in the same general proximity.

Exhibit A



Spontaneous demonstrations take place in Bahrain from time to time in response to world events or local developments. United States citizens should keep current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, depart the vicinity immediately.

Spontaneous demonstrations have also been triggered by regional events in the past; however, there have been no direct attacks on U.S. citizens in Bahrain. It is recommended you continually exercise the appropriate level of security awareness in regards to anti-U.S. activity or events. Spontaneous and at times violent anti-government demonstrations occur in some neighborhoods, particularly at night and on weekends. These demonstrations have included blockades of major highways with burning debris and establishment of unofficial checkpoints. Participants have thrown rocks and Molotov cocktails and used various other homemade weapons, including isolated use of improvised explosive devices. The Ministry of Interior maintains official checkpoints in some areas and routinely uses tear gas and stun grenades along with birdshot and other crowd control measures against demonstrators. Violent clashes between security forces and demonstrators can make travel in and around Bahrain dangerous without advance warning. Please see below for a map. Areas shaded in red are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members. Areas shaded in blue are off-limits to U.S. Citizen Embassy employees and their family members 20:00 – 04:00.

We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at <http://travel.state.gov>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also

be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The [Embassy's web site](http://bahrain.usembassy.gov), <http://bahrain.usembassy.gov>, includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and Demonstration Notices. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.

